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Dear Sharon,

As you know based on Sheila Woolson's email submitting the Western Plume Parties' Comments to the draft Consent Decree, the group was unable to formulate one unified set of comments for submission to USEPA this afternoon. However, what you were not told is that while the Upgradient parties circulated comments on the draft Decree to the entire group last week in an effort to facilitate discussion and meet your deadline, none of the NCIA Parties (Eastern Plume, Western Plume & Central Plume) shared their comments with us or any other faction prior to today. In fact, the first we saw any of their comments was when they were submitted to you this afternoon.

Notwithstanding, and with the efforts of David Batson, all of the parties have agreed to discuss the various comment drafts and continue to work toward a single unified document before the meeting that is scheduled with you on February 4th. However, since we have only just received comments from the NCIA parties and have not had an opportunity to review them, it is unclear at this time how much difference there may be among the various comment drafts and whether the areas of agreement will be substantive enough to satisfy USEPA. Given this uncertainty, combined with your directive to submit a unified set of comments, we feel it would be counterproductive (and possibly a waste of time for you) to submit yet another set of comments that may well be superseded in advance of our February 4th meeting.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Lisa Rushton.

Respectfully,

Todd Hooker